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TAGS: PFOR, PN

SUBJECT: TORRIJOS SATISFIED WITH COLOMBO ACCOMPLISHMENT

1 TORRIJOS CAME HOME AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 24 AFTER HIS 14-DAY HEGIRA TO SRI LANKA FOR THE NAM SUMMIT, PLUS STOPS IN SPAIN, TURKEY, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND OTHER POINTS ON AND OFF ROUTE. IN A PRESS RELEASE PREPARED FOR HIS ARRIVAL, THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT THE NON-ALIGNED MEETING. THE SUMMIT EXPERIENCE, HE NOTED, RENEWED HIS FAITH IN VALUE OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH PANAMA'S CANAL STRUGGLE, AND ASSISTED PANAMA IN ITS INTENT TO BRING CANAL ISSUE BEFORE UN.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER BOYD IN SEPARATE STATEMENT ALSO EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE WITH RESULTS OF SUMMIT. HE TERMED CONFERENCE STATEMENT ON PANAMA "DECISIVE" TO SUCCESS OF CANAL NEGOTIATIONS AND LAUDED GENERAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF SUMMIT ON OTHER POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES.

3. AS EXPECTED, MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE ENTIRE SRI LANKA EXCURSION HAS BEEN EXTREMELY HEAVY AND OVERALL HIGHLY UNCLASSIFIED

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LAUDATORY. "TRANSCENDENTAL" IS THE MOST OVERWORKED

WORD IN PANAMA.

4. THERE HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN QUESTIONING OF THE NON-  
ALIGNED'S REAL UTILITY TO PANAMA'S ACHIEVEMENT OF HER  
CANAL ASPIRATIONS. MOST CONTROVERSIAL CRITIC OF SUMMIT  
AND NAM IMPORTANCE HAS BEEN TORRIJOS' OWN PRESS  
SPOKESMAN MARIO VELASQUEZ. HIS STATEMENT FOR TV  
CHANNEL 2 LAST WEEKEND DOWNPLAYED IMPORTANCE OF BOTH.  
THIS REFRESHINGLY ACCURATE, ALBEIT IMPOLITIC, ASSESS-  
MENT HAS GNERATED SHARP CRITICISM OF HIM AND HEAVY ATTACKS  
ON HIS VIEWS. IRONICALLY, OF COURSE, THAT ONLY CALLS  
MORE ATTENTION TO HIS DISSENT.  
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